

producing open online learning system tools

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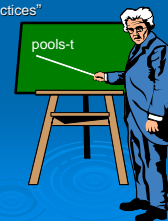
Project Rationale

The project is a Multilateral project (Development of Innovation only.) targeting the priority and objective:

- "to support the development of innovative ICT-based content, services, pedagogies and practice for lifelong learning"
- "To support improvements in quality and innovation in vocational education and training systems, institutions and practices"

The needs analysis is based on several surveys and reports:

- The EURYDICE report "Key Data on Teaching Languages at School in Europe, 2005 Edition"
- A EURYDICE survey in 2006 "Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) at School in Europe"
- The ICC report (2003) "The Impact of New Information Technologies and Internet on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and on the Role of Teachers of Foreign Languages"



Pools-t core products

- A desktop tool which can convert texts into html documents where all words are hyperlinked to free online dictionaries
- A web based tool with functionality like "Babelfish"
- Instruction videos and training materials
- A methodology guide to show pedagogical considerations for CLIL application of the software and its outputs
- Exemplary CLIL materials in the project languages produced with the tools



The desktop tool

- Converts texts to web pages where all words are linked to dictionaries
- Support for audio, video, and graphics
- Choice of hundreds of free dictionaries
- Copyleft (Creative Commons license)



A Web Based Tool

- Based on the functions found in Yahoo Babelfish and Google Translate
- Does not translate, but link all words to online dictionaries
- Open source
- Copyleft



A "do it yourself" DVD

- Shows how to use the two software tools
- Step by step instruction and demonstration
- English soundtrack
- Subtitles in the project languages



CLIL Method Guide

- Extends the results from a previous project BP-BLTM
- Shows how to apply the tools in a CLIL context
- Translated and adapted versions in Danish, Dutch, Greek, and English



Project Future, i.e. after the EU funded period October 2008 through September 2010

- The project will be continued under the POOLS “umbrella”
- Project website: 40.000+ annual visitors
- Digital pools: Still growing
- Partnership: Is an open and growing network
- Newsletters: bi-annual
- Visit: www.languages.dk



A screenshot of the POOLS website. The page has a blue header with the text "Welcome to pools: producing open online learning systems tools". Below the header, there is a navigation menu with links for Home, Cooperating projects, Project documents, Members, Videos, Tools, Search, Project blog, Learning units, Teaching materials, Manuals & teachers, and Latest news. The main content area contains text about language teaching tools, materials, methods, and teacher courses. It also mentions that the project will develop tools for the CLIL methodology (Context and Language Integrated Learning) and that the tools will convert tools and web pages to HTML pages where all words are hyperlinked to their online dictionaries covering many combinations of European languages. The application will have support for audio, video and graphics to which it support the text content. At the bottom of the page, there is a small photograph of a man and a woman looking at a laptop screen.